Patent Claims

1. A method for replicating and distributing
    information for identifying profiles of
    subscribers in a communication system, in which
    a. the subscribers (A, B) define and store
       subscriber-specific profiles using a respective
       input unit in a respective communication
       appliance and/or in a respective module coupled
       to a respective communication appliance,
    b. the respective module coupled to a respective
       one of the communication appliances is used to
       receive profiles from other subscribers (B, A)
       in the communication system on the basis of
       wireless, locally limited network technology,
    c. the profiles received are compared with the
       profile which is defined and stored in the
       respective communication appliance in line with
       a profile-specific correlation threshold, and
    d. activation by the subscriber on the respective
       communication appliance stores the received
       profiles of the respective communication
       appliance and compares them with one another in
       line with respective profile-specific
       correlation thresholds, and
    e. activation by the subscriber on the respective
       communication appliance stores the received
       profiles of the respective communication
       appliance and, in the event of a change of
       location of the respective communication
       appliance and/or as time progresses, compares
       them, in line with the respective profile-
       specific correlation thresholds, with profiles
       which are newly received and stored on the
       basis of wireless, locally limited network
       technology profiles of other subscribes C B, A)
       the communications system

using the module coupled to the respective communication appliance on account of the change of location and/or the progression of time, and

5   f. a respective instance of the profile-specific correlation thresholds being exceeded is communicated to the respective subscribers having the corresponding subscriber-specific profiles.

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2.   The method as claimed in claim 1,
     characterized
     in that profiles from other subscribers are stored only temporarily in a subscriber's communication
15   appliance.

3.   The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
     characterized
     in that when profile-specific correlation
20   thresholds are exceeded an interposed provider of the communication system is used to set up a communication connection between the respective subscribers having the corresponding subscriber-specific profiles upon respective activation by
25   the subscribers.

4.   The method as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3,
     characterized
     in that the wireless, locally limited network
30   technology used is LAN (local area network) and/or PAN (personal area network) technology, particularly Bluetooth.

5.   The method as claimed in claims 1 to 4,
35   characterized
     in that the respective communication appliance used is a respective mobile communication appliance operating on the basis

of a standard, the standard being from a group comprising: GSM, GPRS EDGE and UMTS.

6. The method as claimed in one of claims 1 to 5, characterized
in that each module associated with a subscriber (A, B) is assigned an ID number.

7. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,
characterized
in that the input unit used is a computer.

8. The method as claimed in one of claims 3 to 7, characterized
in that a communication connection is set up between subscribers (A, B) by assigning the respective subscribers (A, B) a respective neutral telephone number.

9. The method as claimed in claim 8, characterized
in that the neutral telephone numbers are assigned on a temporary basis.

10. A module which can be integrated into a mobile communication appliance associated with a subscriber and/or can be coupled to a mobile communication appliance associated with a subscriber via an interface and has at least the following elements:
A. a memory unit for storing a profile of the subscriber himself,
B. a transmission and reception unit, operating on the basis of wireless, locally limited network technology, for transmitting and receiving (scanning) foreign

profiles from other subscribers (A, B) in a communication system,

C. a memory unit for storing the foreign profiles which have been received,

D. a correlation unit for comparing profiles with one another,

E. a signaling/synchronization unit.

11. The module as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that the transmission and reception unit is a unit operating on the basis of LAN and/or PAN technology.

12. The module as claimed in claim 10 or 11, characterized in that the memory units are a or various RAM(s) specific to this function.

13. The module as claimed in one of claims 10 to 12, characterized in that the correlation unit is a microcomputer.

14. The module as claimed in one of claims 10 to 13, characterized in that the signaling/synchronization unit is a software-assisted circuit.